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STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern University will present critically acclaimed poet Andrew Hudgins on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, Room 1005. The presentation is a partnership between the Department of Writing and Linguistics and the Georgia Poetry Circuit.



Poet Andrew Hudgins will present a reading at Georgia Southern on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:30

"We are excited to start the semester off by showcasing Andrew Hudgins," said Eric Nelson, a professor in the Department and event coordinator. "Hudgins has been praised throughout his career for his striking ability to embody the Southern Gothic tradition and for his skills in dark humor, formal control and adept handling of voice. Georgia Southern students should not miss this opportunity to see and hear such a master of his craft."

Hudgins has published nine collections of poetry, including *Saints and Strangers*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and *The Never-Ending*, a finalist for the National Book Award. His *After the Lost War*, a series of dramatic monologues recounting the life and Civil War experience of Georgia poet Sidney Lanier, won the prestigious Poet's Prize. Hudgins has received the Witter Bynner Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship and two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships. In 2013, he published both a book of poems, *A Clown at Midnight*, and a memoir, *The Joker*.

Hudgins' reading is free and open to the public.

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